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HIGHER CHECKING PROGRAMMES IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether health checking programme is in operation in schools all over the country

(b) If so, the details of deficiencies/deformities noticed amongst the students during the implementation of the said programme; and

(c) The steps taken by the Government to prevent the common deficiencies noticed amongst the students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (c): A School Health Checkup Programme for Students in Primary Schools was implemented durng 1996-97 as aspecial campaign. The reports received from 486 Districts indicate that 97.15% schools had implemented the scheme, and 85.6% of the enrolled children were examined for detection of common ailments, which included anaemia, worm infestations, Night blindness, iodine deficiency disease(goiter), ear discharge, scabies, pyoderma, vision defects and dental problems. Continuation of the Programme as a Centrally funded Programme has since been discontinued.